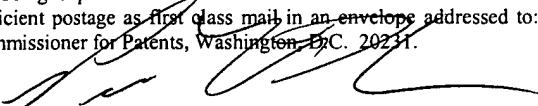


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In re application of: Iqbal et al.

Serial No.: 09/415,781

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For: Corrosion Resistant Coated Fuel Cell Bipolar Plate With Graphite Protective Barrier  
And Method Of Making The Same

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

### In the Specification

At page 1, delete lines 3-7 and insert the following paragraph:

--This application is related to U.S. patent application serial number 09/415,466 entitled "Corrosion Resistant Coated Fuel Cell Bipolar Plate With Filled-In Fine Scale Porosities and Method of Making the Same" filed herewith.--

### In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows, and add new claims 21-25:

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